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VIA FAX

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RE: Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan Restoration Targets

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan Implementation Objectives and Targets. CALFED staff has done a tremendous job in gathering and assimilating the wealth of information and interests surrounding the restoration planning process. We feel that the program is on the right track to restoring ecological health to the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary.

General comments about the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan were articulated in a letter to Lester Snow dated January 2, 1997, and I will only briefly reiterate them here. While we recognize CALFED's mandate to "fix" the Delta (the problem area) and we support the initial focus on restoration projects that will provide immediate benefits to threatened and endangered species, at some point, the entire San Francisco Bay needs to be included in the restoration planning process if a true ecosystem restoration program is to be implemented. Page 2 in the Working Draft of the Implementation Targets and Objectives states that the "ERPP will be a comprehensive, whole-ecosystem plan for restoration and management of the Bay-Delta."

I have heard at CALFED meetings that there needs to be a nexus between the problems resulting from the manipulation of the Delta and the restoration projects being proposed. This approach is logical but it overlooks the fact that information is lacking on the habitat needs and movement of fish and wildlife species between the North and South regions of San Francisco Bay. Making habitat improvements in one part of the Bay without understanding the interrelationships could lead to less than optimal results.

The San Francisco Bay Joint Venture strongly encourages you to include all of San Francisco Bay in the solution area for the ERPP and support projects where a correlation to Delta problems can be demonstrated. Over the course of the next few months, Joint Venture partners will be working to identify more clearly these links and will work with CALFED staff to incorporate these into the next draft of the ERPP Implementation Objectives and Targets.

What follows are responses to selected questions from the Participant Worksheet.

What questions or comments do you have about the targets development process?

When and how will the objectives and targets be tied to geographic areas or ecological units? As the targets are further refined, CALFED needs to work closely with the San Francisco Bay Area Wetlands Ecosystem Goals Project to capture the benefit of this effort. Contact Co-Chairs Mike Monroe,

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US EPA (510-286-0702) and Carl Wilcox, DFG (707-944-5525).

**Does the process reflect a reasonable approach for developing the Ecosystem Restoration Program targets?**

Despite the previously mentioned need to broaden the solution area to include all of SF Bay, using a combination of quantitative and qualitative targets is a good approach. It would be helpful, however, if the targets are identified by their source, i.e., a recovery plan or the CCMP.

**How well do the draft targets help the Ecosystem Restoration Program meet its objectives?**

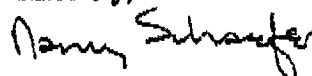
The goal of the ERPP is to improve and increase aquatic and terrestrial habitats and improve ecosystem functions in the Bay-Delta to support sustainable populations of diverse and valuable plant and animal species. The objectives and targets have been developed to accomplish this goal. By incorporating objectives and targets for only a portion of the ecosystem, they fall short of meeting the goal of ecosystem restoration. Perhaps using a phased approach will help address the problem. Near term objectives and targets can focus on immediate needs of plant and animal species that are threatened and endangered. Longer term objectives and targets can address the larger issue of ecosystem health.

**What suggestions do you have for completing the list of targets?**

Targets need to be included for all of San Francisco Bay if a true ecosystem restoration program is going to be implemented. If the physical connection of the Central and South Bays is not enough justification for the regions' inclusion in the target setting process, then the door needs to be left open so information demonstrating this link can be developed. Partners in the San Francisco Bay Area Wetlands Ecosystem Goals Project and the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture will be working over the next few months to gather this information.

Thank you again for the chance to be involved with the setting of Implementation Objectives and Targets. I look forward to working cooperatively with you and your staff to implement the Ecosystem Restoration Plan Program.

Sincerely,



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